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## School election costs residents \$15,000

Molly Tippen  
Staff Writer

Estimates by the city clerk's office indicate that the final cost Romulus taxpayers will incur for the May school election will be about \$15,000.

City Clerk Linda Choate said final figures will be available in the coming days, but said the final toll is not likely to be a surprise.

"We've done school elections for about 30 years," she said. "The only thing that is different this year is that we had to use paper ballots because the school's voting system and (the city's) are different. But everything went as planned."

Romulus is somewhat unique in that the city administers school elections. Many communities handled school elections for the first time after the state legislature enacted a new elections consolidation law, which specified that cities – not school districts – will handle all elections.

The law also specified that districts must choose either May or September for their elections, to help streamline processes and costs associated with an election

for counties and municipalities already struggling to balance their books.

In the past, the city would bill the school district directly for the cost of the ballots and election workers, but the new law states cities must pay for elections and then have the district reimburse them for their efforts.

Costs for the school election include fees paid for 65 election workers who assisted residents at voter precincts and paper ballots, said Choate.

Though most officials know money must be spent for an election, paying the money for light voter turnout represents a lose-lose situation for the city. For the \$15,000 expended, the city saw only 947 voters turn up at polling locations. That represents only 6.5 percent of the 15,000 registered voters.

During the election, incumbent board members Cheryle Buckley and April Frayer defeated challengers Tony Heimberger and Leo Knasiak for another four-year term. Because school board members are elected on a rotating schedule, another two board members will face re-election next year.

## Senior, recreation offices on the move

Molly Tippen  
Staff Writer

The offices of the Romulus Senior Center and the Romulus Recreation Department will soon move to separate office space in the city during the construction of new facilities approved by city council last year.

The offices will move from 36515 Bibbins Road to the Romulus Progressive Hall, located at 11580 Ozga Road, said Mayor Alan Lambert.

"We asking our residents to be patient during this construction phase," he said. "Once construction is complete, our community will finally have a new state-of-the-art recreation center and much-deserved senior citizens center. For too many years, these departments have had to share inadequate space in an inefficient building. Soon, they will have new and separate quality facilities."

The move should be complete by the end of this month, he

added.

Though the departments will share a facility on Ozga Road, the two departments will be separate once construction is complete on the two new buildings. The current senior citizens complex will be removed and replaced with a new building on the same site, officials said. The old building will not be removed until the new one is complete.

Senior programming – which takes place at several locations – will not be interrupted during the move or immediately afterward.

The city is also in the process of finalizing plans for a new recreation facility that, for the first time, will house all city recreational activities in one facility. It will be located on the site of the former Overhead Crane Co. on Northline Road near Wayne Road. When completed, the 70,000 square-foot facility would cover an 11-acre parcel of land and would include

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## Cleaning up

Romulus became a much cleaner place Saturday after nearly 70 volunteers hit the streets for the annual Clean Sweep. During the event, city employees and residents swept streets, planted flowers, devised new landscaping plans and accepted loads of refuse from residents. Personnel Director Sandra Rivers and her children, Zachariah and Allasia, above, plant flowers in downtown Romulus. Mayor Alan Lambert (below) also got in on the act with (left to right) Betsey Krampitz and Lynn Conway.

## DPW cleans up lead weights

Molly Tippen  
Staff Writer

An environmental hazard that not very many people think about will be greatly reduced in Romulus during the next several months.

Lead wheel weights – the small apparatuses used in tire balancing on city police, fire, department of public works and fleet vehicles – will be replaced with eco-friendly zinc weights as tires are changed by DPW employees, said DPW Director Carl Brooks.

"It's a good thing to do because it's going to take a lot of lead off of

city streets," he said. "They do fall off of vehicles, and can put quite a bit of lead out on streets. And we know that lead is toxic."

Brooks said the lead weights would be removed as municipal vehicles come into service, and said the change to zinc would not bring an added expense in terms of manpower or materials to the city.

The city made the decision to convert the weights at the urging of the Ecology Center, an environmental advocacy group based in Ann Arbor. One of that agency's goals is to eradicate the use of lead wheel weights by offering

companies and municipalities discounted, lead-free weights. The group also hopes to end the use of lead weights at auto manufacturers and body shops by 2006.

The Ecology Center "Lead-Free Wheels" program is partially funded with a grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Romulus is the fourth city in Michigan to adopt a lead-free weight police, behind the cities of Ann Arbor, Grand Rapids and Madison Heights.

"We commend the leadership

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## City starts tree re-planting initiative

Molly Tippen  
Staff Writer

A little Asian bug that invaded Southeast Michigan three years ago has wreaked havoc on ash trees in Romulus.

But the city is hoping to replace the trees lost to the Emerald Ash Borer during a two-phase project made possible through grant funding provided by the state Department of Natural Resources.

Cal Brooks, Romulus Department of Public Works (DPW) director, said the city is buying about 150 new trees to

replace ones that had to be removed during the past two years. The first phase of the re-planting will take place this summer, he said.

"There's no way that we're going to be able to replace what we've lost this season, but this is a good start," he said. "The \$20,000 will buy the trees, and we had to provide in-kind services like labor to get the funding."

Workers already on the DPW payroll will undertake the re-planting to save the city dollars, Brooks said.

Requests for bids to provide

the trees went out two months ago, but the city received no takers. Romulus City Council members voted unanimously to allow Brooks to purchase varied types of trees from a local nursery for \$91 to \$125 per tree, according to city paperwork.

Brooks said the work is being done a piecemeal basis because the grant funds are few.

"There's just not a lot of money available right now," he said. "I would love to work overtime to get these trees down, but it's going to

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# Strawberry Festival to honor 2 in parade

Andrea King  
Staff Writer

The Belleville National Strawberry Festival will honor two exceptional area residents during the parade this year. The parade leads of the annual festival at 11 a.m. on June 18.

Ralph Nodwell, former festival director, will be the grand marshal of the 2005 Strawberry Festival parade. Belleville Police Chief Gene Taylor will be the honored citizen. Both were recognized for their long-time commitment to the community and the festival, according to Mary Strobe, executive director of the festival.

"They were both unanimous across the festival board," she said. "Ralph has done so much for the Strawberry Festival. It's in

his blood. We thought that this would be a nice way to honor him and a different way for him to spend the festival. He gives so much to this community and it's a pleasure working with him."

Nodwell, 70, has lived in Belleville since 1979. He is married with three daughters and five grandchildren. He currently teaches vocational classes at Wayne County Community College, Washtenaw Community College and in Chelsea. He is also the vice-president of the Van Buren Public School Board.

He is active in several organizations, including the Belleville Rotary Club, the Michigan Association of School Boards, the Detroit Children's Hospital where he is the coordinator for the festival of trees and the Michigan Festival of Events,

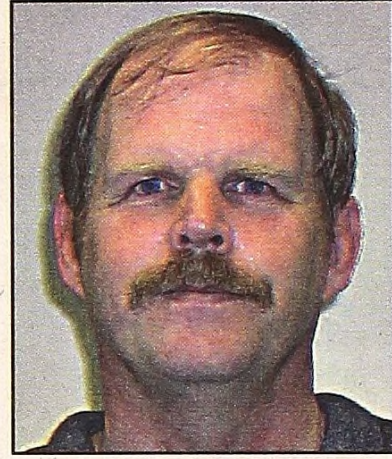
where he is on the board of directors. He is on the Strawberry Festival board, too.

"It think it's great to be honored, but my first thought is that it's not me that has made this festival a success, it's everyone in the community: volunteers, behind-the-scenes people and the community," Nodwell said. "This represents them and they just make me look good."

"You can't be successful in a project as large as this without dedicated people," he added. "It's the community that supports this festival and it's always great to be a part of it."

Taylor, 50, has lived in Belleville since 1977. Married with two children, he has been with the department for more than 28 years.

He is active in several organi-



Chief Gene Taylor



Ralph Nodwell

zations, including: Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD), Students Against Drunk Driving (SADD), the Safe and Sober program, the Detroit Children's Hospital and the Wayne County Traffic Association. He also participated in the Wayne County

Collation, which helped to reduce drunk driving.

"It was certainly a pleasant surprise to hear that I was being honored in the parade," he said. "I know a lot of people in the community who are just as deserving for this."

## Court TV will provide multiple events at annual Strawberry Festival

Court TV will bring a lesson in law to the Belleville National Strawberry Festival.

According to Kathi Palminteri, senior director of promotions for Court TV, the investigative channel will bring the Seriously Entertaining Summer Tour to Belleville on June 18 and 19.

"We'll be highlighting all the new shows and taking with us some of the old-favorites that Court TV prime time offers," she said.

Festivalgoers will be able to participate in five interactive and multi-activity stations, including: the Masterminds Code-Cracking Challenge, Psychic Detectives LIVE, Parco PI, Straight from the Files of The SmokingGun.com and Casino Takedown.

In the masterminds code-cracking challenge, people will learn what it takes to pull off the moves of a true mastermind and crack a 6-foot safe. The lucky

contestants to crack-the-code will win tons of prizes, including cash, said Palminteri.

Physic detectives will also be on hand to tell visitors where they can find answers to their life burning questions.

"People can enjoy a free reading from Court TV's real team of expert psychics," said Palminteri.

The tour will also highlight a new reality/docudrama series following a family of private eyes

from New York City.

"You can be a private-eye at this booth," said Palminteri. "See if you can pass a lie-detector test, find out how to use X-ray spray to view contents of sealed documents and check out the latest investigative tools."

Court TV is particularly excited about The SmokingGun.com, which regularly covers the trials and tribulations of the rich and famous. At the booth, visitors will be able to see their faces digitally

superimposed over the mug shots of famous faces.

Casino Takedown will unveil to festivalgoers the underworld of Las Vegas from the experts.

"I am so excited that Court TV approached us with the idea," said Mary Strobe, executive director of the festival. "They will be a great addition and I think visitors will like the new, different approach to winning prizes. It will certainly add appeal to the festival."

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# Romulus woman's death leaves 7 children motherless

Scott Spielman  
Editor

A 21-year-old Westland resident will face charges in a series of events that left a Romulus woman dead and her sister injured last week.

Jacob Hawkins waived his right to a preliminary examination at 29th District Court in Wayne Tuesday morning. He faces one count of unarmed robbery and a misdemeanor charge of reckless driving in an accident that caused the death of 30-year-old Pamela Herrington.

Lt. Tom Miller of the Wayne Police Department said the incident started in the early hours of May 8, when Herrington and three other women left the Legg's Tavern in Van Buren Township.

Hawkins and a friend followed them to a White Castle restaurant in Wayne; it's on Michigan Avenue just east of Venoy Road.

"He pulled up and boxed them in and said he wanted his money back," Miller said.

The women backed up and spun around, fleeing the scene and traveling east on Michigan Avenue.

The two men followed, and that's where the situation becomes a little cloudy, Miller said. For one reason or

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*It's not right. She gets to walk out and I can't even touch my daughter.*

**Roseanne Groves**

another, the two vehicles stopped in the roadway; police aren't sure if Hawkins forced the other car off the road or not.

They left their vehicles, though, and a brief struggle ensued over Herrington's purse. Money flew out and she and her sister bent to pick it up.

Police said a car driven by Mary Tarver, a 33-year-old Canton Township resident, plowed into the two women. Both were transported to Oakwood Annapolis Hospital in Wayne and Herrington was later flown to the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor. She later died due to the extent of her injuries, according to Miller.

Tarver also faced a preliminary examination Tuesday morning. She was arraigned on charges of operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated, causing death, manslaughter and operating while intoxicated causing serious injury.

Her preliminary examination was adjourned until 9 a.m. June 14, because Herrington's sister was in surgery Tuesday morning, according to Ofc. Greg Anderson, who's overseeing the case for the Wayne Police Department. Both suspects were released on bail, which brought a ripple of dismay from friends and family members who watched the court proceedings Tuesday.

"It's not right," said Roseanne Groves, Herrington's mother. "She gets to walk out and I can't even touch my daughter."

Herrington had a difficult life, but was on the verge of turning things around, she said. She left behind seven children, and was attempting to regain custody of three currently in foster care. She was married on April 29 and she and her husband had recently bought a house – on which they had only made one payment.

"She was a beautiful girl," Groves said.

She said she's had a difficult time dealing with the grief with the loss of one daughter and the serious injury caused to another. She said Herrington's sister might not regain the use of her left arm.

The police may not know why Herrington left the car, but Groves said she thought she knew.

"She got out of the car to save her sister," she said.



## Objects d' Art

Students from Cory Elementary School showed off their one-of-a-kind portraits recently when their work was chosen to hang prominently at the Romulus Schools administrative office and Wendy's Old-Fashioned Hamburgers in Romulus. Here (left to right), the artists shown with their work are Dominique Robinson, Raven Whitehead, Bobbi Boone and Avion Mosely. Also pictured (left to right, second row) are Dajuan Andrews, Pamela Johnson, Brittany Glenn, Kaessi Torres and Audriana Barden.

## Schools hire new principals

Romulus School Board members approved the hiring of two new principals at two schools at their Monday night meeting.

Phyllis Adkins, the current principal of Cory Elementary School, and Kelly Knight, a history teacher at Romulus High School, will serve as the principals of Romulus Middle School and Halecreek Elementary School, respectively.

All of the new principals have a long history of service to Romulus children. Adkins created programs that encouraged parents to donate 10,000 volunteer hours in the classroom. She



Kelly Knight

was the recipient of a \$25,000 Excellence in Education Award from the Milken Foundation in 1995. She's also known as the creator of the "A Few Good Men" program that brings 50 distinguished men from business and government to speak to students.

Knight is a graduate of Romulus High School who decided to return to her alma



Phyllis Adkins

mater after a successful career in business. She joined the district as a seventh grade geography teacher in 1998. 2000, she moved to Romulus High School as an American history teacher. Knight led her team of students to a first-place victory during the high school Social Studies Olympiad for three years in a row. She has also served as a softball coach.

## Clarification

The story "Revenue bill could hurt city budget," (*Romulus Roman*, May 19), said the city could lose \$420,000 in revenue sharing funds. The actual loss would be \$53,000. *The Romulus Roman* regrets the error and apologizes for any confusion it may have caused.

## Trees - Ash borer exacts cost

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be a long process."

During the replanting process, diseased trees will also be removed. Those that are located near buildings, roadways and homes will be the first to be removed, to ensure the safety of individuals living around the trees.

Trees will be replaced on a subdivision-by subdivision basis, Brooks said.

"We're basically doing this because of the aesthetics," he said. "It's the reason people bought the homes."

The Emerald Ash Borer is a

beetle from Asia that was first detected in Michigan in the spring of 2002. Experts believe the bothersome bug likely arrived in packing materials from Asia. The borer has infected about 10 million ash trees in Michigan. Several communities like Romulus are buying grown trees of all varieties - not just ash - to repopulate green areas.

This is the first year Romulus has used grant funding for plantings. Brooks estimates that it will take the entire summer to plant the trees purchased. Another \$20,000 in grant funds will be used to begin a second phase of the project this fall.

## Lead - Zinc weights costs less

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of local governments like Romulus," said Jeff Gearhart, the campaign director of the Ecology Center, in a statement. "I am confident that the responsible example set by cities like Romulus will soon be followed by other government agencies."

It might not sound like much, but Brooks said eliminating the weights from the 75 city vehicles will reduce the amount of lead on city roadways by about 27 pounds. Mayor Alan Lambert said the city is obligated to provide the safest possible environment to residents.

"The lead-free wheel weight program is a good example of our commitment to protecting the

people of our community and the environment in which we live," he said.

Generally, the weights are installed to reduce tread wear on tires. The Ecology Center estimates that about 13 percent of 2-ounce wheel weights fall off tire rims as the vehicle is used – leaving behind 66 tons of lead on Michigan streets to be absorbed into the air, the storm system and waterways when they are reduced to powder by other vehicles.

Lead has been banned in the use of several products during the past 30 years. Lead-based interior and exterior paints were outlawed in 1978 after it was discovered paint flecks caused birth defects and health problems in children.

## Move - New facilities imminent

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outside facilities, according to the current plan.

To make the move, both the recreation and senior departments will be closed from Friday, May 27 to Tuesday, May 31. The offices will reopen on June 1.

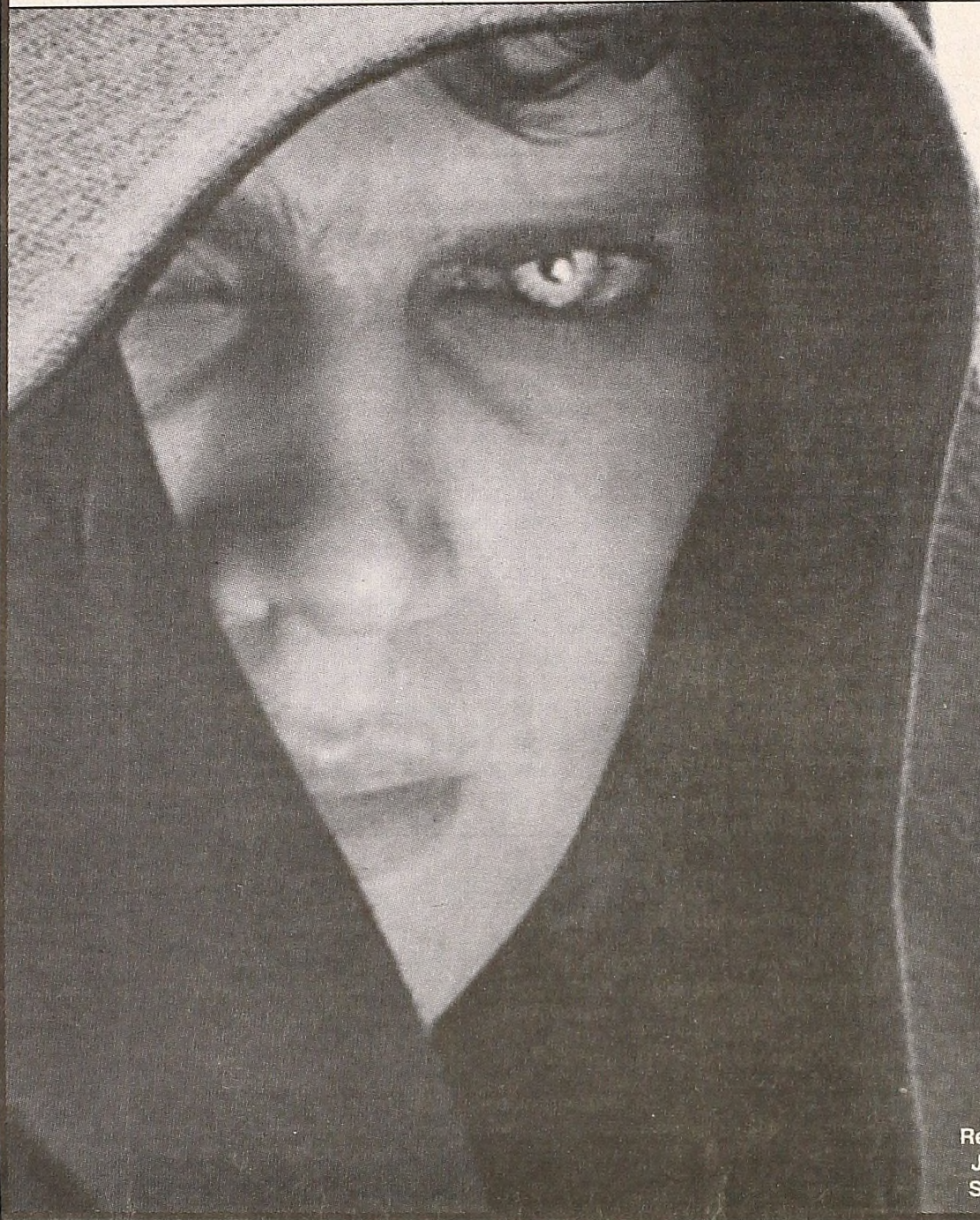
Beginning June 1, transportation will be made available for senior citizens living in the Romulus Towers and Weeping Willows apartments

to the temporary senior center at the Progressive Hall for senior hot lunches and other activities.

The new recreation center is expected to open in 2006. The grand opening of the new senior citizen's center is planned for this fall.

For transportation schedules or more information regarding the senior center, call (734) 955-4120. For information regarding recreation programs, call (734) 942-6852.

# THE SCENE



## STAR WARS EPISODE III REVENGE OF THE SITH

### Film is proof of creators' genius

Good it is, yes.

*Star Wars Episode III: Revenge of the Sith* actually lives up to the fanatic franchise hype. Not only is Sith watchable, it almost makes sitting through Episodes I and II worth the effort.

For more than 12 hours – divided into six episodes and spread over three decades – George Lucas has captivated us with his imagination and vision about a galaxy far, far away.

He has surely outdone himself this time. Sith is the anti *Phantom Menace*, puts the *Attack of the Clones* to shame and squashes the Ewok-laden *Return of the Jedi*, putting it up there with the original *Star Wars* and – arguably the best of the lot – *The Empires Strike Back*.

From the breathtaking opening battle scene to Anakin Skywalker's first breath as the black-clad Darth Vader, the two-hour and 36-minute runtime soars by at light speed.

Either Lucas learned to write and direct, Hayden Christensen finally learned his trade or the force was stronger than ever in the making of the final installment of the prequel trilogy. Whatever it was, everything fell into place for Sith, setting the record of earning more than \$50 million in the first DAY.

The remarkable special effects are flawless in Sith. Be it a scene with a saber-wielding Yoda, a giant lizard-riding Obi-Wan Kenobi (Ewen McGregor) or a planet of Wookies, there aren't any scenes that look more like a video game than a live-action sequence—something that couldn't be said about

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Staff Writer

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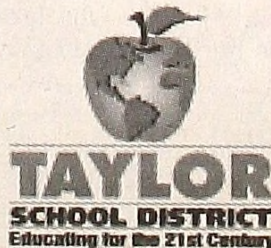
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Sith

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the first two prequels.

Of course there were some trademark Lucas moments. He has always been thought of as a great storyteller and visionary but never really a great writer or director.

And it shows.

Lucas was still unsuccessful at relaying how powerful the love between Anakin (Christensen) and Padme (Natalie Portman) really is.

The initial reunion, and dialogue between the two characters, is too awkward and forced. And the news of the pregnancy—good news by most standards—was conveyed as torment (or confusion) through Anakin’s reaction before giving into a smile and happiness. With most scripts or directors that would almost seem intentional but for Lucas it’s just another one of his moments. There are also a ton of his trademark campy one-liners, although thankfully fewer than

the other films.

However, Sith is easily the best written script of the three films, even though using the first two episodes as benchmarks doesn’t say much. Episodes one and two, although visually stunning, had convoluted and unsatisfying story lines.

In Sith, the characters are the most natural and believable ever seen in a galaxy far, far away and the amount of information—almost too much—results in a satisfying, action-packed film that should result in audiences flocking to the video store in search of the original three. Because in the end, everything is tied together in a neat little package and delivers audiences to the doorstep of the original *Star Wars*.

Sith answers a lot of questions including the biggest one of all: how does the most powerful and talented Jedi Knight get lured to the other side of the force? If you don’t want to know, you might want to skip the rest of this paragraph. Apparently, love makes people (even those with the force) do crazy things, includ-

ing turning to the dark side.

The scrolling prologue says there are heroes on both sides of the force. It is evident as Anakin, for what he feels is the right reason, inevitably descends to the dark side. Along the way we see why Yoda goes into exile; why Obi-Wan is found living on Tatooine; were all of the other Jedi have gone; how the Republic’s clone army become storm troopers; who the Emperor is (if you haven’t figured it out already); what happens to the Republic; why Luke and Leah are split up; and why Anakin is contained in the black Darth Vader armor.

The last question is answered during a fantastic light saber duel between Anakin and Obi-Wan while on volcanic planet overflowing with lava. Can you see where that is going? Then audiences witness the physical transformation of Anakin into Darth Vader—a process that resembles a NASCAR pit stop or a drive through a Quikie-Lube 10-minute oil change.

I kept waiting for one of the medic druids to recommend a



new air filter or ask Vader if he needed new windshield wiper blades.

But, with all kidding aside, the most memorable scene—with a hush of silence falling over the packed theater—is when Anakin takes his first breath from behind the dark mask of Vader.

It may be one of the best scenes in ANY of the *Star Wars* movies, and possibly the best line (if breathing can be consid-

ered a line) next to, “Luke, I am your father.”

Forget episodes one and two, Lucas redeems himself here. *Revenge of the Sith* is not only a must see for *Star Wars* fans but just about anyone with a pulse. I’m talking about 28 years worth of American movie pop culture coming to a close, unless Lucas decides to do episodes seven through nine. You never know. After Sith, let’s hope so.

See it again, I will.

College coach speaks to high school athletes

More than 67 Romulus students received awards for their performance in athletics along with some advice from a real expert recently.

Athletic Director Mark Woodson organized the brunch at the Doubletree Hotel to commemorate the achievements of the senior high school athletes.

Guest speaker Lloyd Carr, the head football coach at the University of Michigan, told the more than 200 parents and students in attendance that he has known Woodson since he was an assistant coach with the college program at Michigan.

Carr told the assembled crowd that he once attended a Blue Bonnet Bowl game in Texas where the team got to watch a rodeo. After watching the bull riding competition, he asked the world champion bull rider what made him so successful.

The rider said, “When you go to sit on the back of that 2,000 pound bull, you realize that the bull couldn’t care less what you

did yesterday.”

Carr challenged the senior athletes to do their best and remember, “Your college coach will not care about what you did in high school, but rather what you do for him or her that day.”



Romulus Athletic Director Mark Woodson, left, welcomed an old friend, Lloyd Carr, the head football coach at the University of Michigan, to Romulus recently. Carr spoke during the awards brunch organized by Woodson to honor the athletes at the high school.

Artist sought for city mural

Belleville officials are seeking an artist willing to make a significant statement about their talent and who would enjoy the opportunity to paint a city mural 50 feet by 10 feet.

Arrangements are nearly complete to provide a centrally located space for the first Belleville mural. The Downtown Development Authority and the Belleville Area Council for the Arts would like to have a centennial mural created at 248 Main St. on the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce building.

The theme of the mural is intended to illustrate the progress of the city since 1905. Now, the missing and necessary ingredient

is the artist.

The Belleville Area Council for the Arts will provide the wall and a \$250 payment for the design and direction of the mural. The artist is expected to create a design and execute it by Oct. 8, in time for the centennial celebration. Provisions for assistance by volunteer apprentices will be made as well as supplies and equipment furnished by the arts council.

Proposals for the design may be submitted to: Belleville Area Council for the Arts, 248 Main St., Belleville, MI, 48111. Applications will be accepted until June 30

For more information, contact the arts council at 734-697-8123.

PUBLIC NOTICE

DRAFT HAZARDOUS WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE ENVIRONMENTAL DISPOSAL SYSTEMS, INC. ROMULUS, MICHIGAN

Environmental Disposal Systems, Inc. (EDS), has applied for a hazardous waste management facility operating license, for its aboveground storage and treatment facilities, from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ). The operating license is required under Part 111, Hazardous Waste Management, of Michigan’s Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended (Act 451), for EDS to operate its newly-constructed, 15-acre facility located at 28470 Citrin Drive, Romulus, Michigan. Before the MDEQ makes a final determination on whether EDS satisfies the licensing requirements, the MDEQ is seeking public input on a draft operating license for the facility.

The EDS facility is permitted, under other programs, to inject hazardous waste waters from off-site generators into deep injection wells. The aboveground portion of the facility where hazardous wastes are stored in tanks and containers and treated in tanks prior to disposal in the deep injection wells requires an operating license from the MDEQ.

The MDEQ issued EDS a construction permit for the aboveground storage and treatment facilities in February 2001. An operating license for the aboveground portion of the facility is now required. The actual deep well injection of hazardous waste is subject to regulation by the United States Environmental Protection Agency pursuant to the federal Underground Injection Control Program.

In deciding whether to issue the operating license, the MDEQ considers: (1) the adequacy of the application; (2) requirements for the design, construction, and operation of the facility; (3) whether the applicant has obtained all other environmental permits, licenses, and approvals necessary for operation of the facility; (4) the applicant’s environmental compliance history; (5) whether the applicant has constructed the facility in accordance with the approved plans and specifications, and complied with the conditions in the construction permit; and (6) special operating license conditions necessary to address concerns raised by the public (limits on truck traffic, maintaining an alternate access road, training for emergency responders, etc.). The MDEQ does not reconsider the suitability of the facility location when deciding on the operating license, unless new information or standards indicate that a threat to human health or the environment exists, which was not known at the time the construction permit was issued. Also, the MDEQ cannot consider comments regarding operation of the deep injection wells that have already been permitted under other regulatory programs as part of the licensing process.

The MDEQ has evaluated the operating license application submitted by EDS and considered each of the six items identified above. The MDEQ’s preliminary determination regarding the issuance of an operating license is presented in a detailed fact sheet. At this time, the MDEQ is asking for comments from the public before a final decision is made.

The draft operating license, fact sheet, and application may be reviewed at the Romulus Public Library located at 11121 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan; at the MDEQ’s Southeast Michigan District Office located at 27700 Donald Court, Warren, Michigan (contact Ms. Bonnie Pawloske at 586-753-3846); and at the DEQ’s WHMD office located at Constitution Hall, Atrium North, 525 West Allegan Street, Lansing, Michigan (contact Ms. Ronda Blayer at 517-373-9548). Information is also available on the Internet at <http://www.michigan.gov/deg> by navigating to “Waste,” “Hazardous and Liquid Industrial Waste,” and then “Hazardous and Liquid Industrial Waste Management.”

The public comment period for the draft operating license begins May 30, 2005, and ends July 15, 2005. Written comments will be accepted during the public comment period and must be postmarked by July 15, 2005. In addition, a public hearing is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 30, 2005, at the Romulus High School Auditorium, 9650 South Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan. The purpose of the public hearing is to allow interested persons to submit comments regarding the draft operating license. Both oral and written comments will be accepted during the public hearing. Speakers will be asked to register at the public hearing by 7:30 p.m., and to limit their presentations to allow time for everyone who is interested in speaking. Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation in this public hearing should contact Ms. Blayer at the address below, or at 517-373-9548, at least one week in advance of the hearing to request mobility, visual, hearing, and/or other assistance.

Before making a final decision on the draft operating license, the MDEQ will evaluate all comments received. The MDEQ will prepare a responsiveness summary addressing all significant comments, and identify how the draft operating license will be impacted. Information regarding the final decision will be communicated to all persons who submit written comments as well as all persons on the facility mailing list.

Requests, comments, and/or questions regarding the draft operating license should be addressed to Ms. Ronda L. Blayer, Hazardous Waste Section, Waste and Hazardous Materials Division, Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 30241, Lansing, Michigan 48909-7741, or by e-mail at [blayerrr@michigan.gov](mailto:blayerrr@michigan.gov).

# OPINION

## Good idea—bad timing

Monday is more than just a day off for many of us. It's time to gather and reflect on the sacrifices of those who have fallen serving others – whether through the military, public safety or some other form of civil service. Somber ceremonies and parades will take place throughout the community and a new voice wants to be heard at one of them.

It's called the Men of Integrity Outreach, a new non-profit organization in Inkster that wants to honor the memories of murder victims in the city. They want to call attention to the issue through the parade and a rally featuring a collage of pictures of victims and snippets from their lives.

Is this a good idea? Well, it is and it isn't.

First of all, it's notable that the group wants to call attention to the problem in their community. It's not one anyone likes to talk about; merely bringing it up generates the suggestion that all people do is concentrate on the bad things in the community. As a newspaper, we're accused of sensationalizing the situation when we try to tell these stories. But the issue is a very real one and the only way for it to get solved is for people to drag it out in the open and talk about ways to fix it.

Honoring the memories of those that have fallen to these terrible crimes is also an important part of the healing process for those victims that are left behind, too. It's important to tell those stories; it's important to help people through this difficult time, too.

But Memorial Day may not be the best time to do this. It's a day set aside specifically to allow veterans the chance to honor their fallen comrades. At a time when there is increased attention on the military, its efforts at home and worldwide and the sacrifices of our troops, we'd like to see more focus there.

We'd like to see the Men of Integrity find for a new day for their ceremony, a time when all the attention will be focused on them and the issue they're trying to solve. It's a notable effort. We hope it's one that we will hear more about as time goes on.

## Bringing choice back to voters

Support has gradually been growing for a plan to change the way state and congressional districts are drawn, and that's a good thing.

A new plan, proposed last week by State Rep. Glenn Anderson (D-Westland) would give the responsibility to redraw those districts to an independent, appointed panel rather than the legislature. The idea is that the nine-member panel would consist of four Republican-appointed members, four Democrat-appointed members and a final member appointed by the other eight.

If approved by both sides of the legislature – and eventually, the voters of Michigan – it would go into effect after the next federal census, in 2010.

This is clearly a good idea with plenty of long-reaching benefits.

Let's face it: since the districts were drawn after the 2000 census, the individual elections themselves haven't been much of a contest. Districts tend to favor one party over another; in this case it makes it all but impossible for the Democrats to take over the majority of either house.

As they are currently drawn, some municipalities have lost out, too. The City of Wayne, for example, a heavily Democratic town with a strong union base, has been all but nullified because it's attached to the heavily Republican – and more populous – Plymouth and Northville in the 20th District of the State House of Representatives.

A plan to change the way districts are drawn will bring more parity to elections and ensure that legislators don't keep their seats just

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## Consequences apply to everyone

Courtrooms always make me uncomfortable, whether I'm there as a participant (like a few weeks back, when I sat glumly awaiting an informal hearing on a traffic ticket) or as an observer.

It's not the wooden benches that make me uncomfortable, either; it's the passions that run strong with some of the issues decided there.

Tuesday morning I found myself in such a situation, parked on a bench at the 29th District Court in Wayne between a group of people mourning the death of their friend or daughter and those allegedly responsible for ending her life.

It's hard to imagine what it's like to lose someone that is so close to you; as a parent I can't imagine losing my son. As a brother I can't imagine losing my brother or sister. As a husband, I can't imagine losing my wife. As a friendly person, I can't imagine losing a close buddy.

Yet that's what happened to these people, all these lives abruptly changed and for what, in the end, will turn out to be no good reason.

It's a situation that started at a bar in Van Buren Township, when one of the suspects, a 21-year-old Westland man, and his friend followed a group of girls. It ended a few miles away on a busy street in Wayne, with an allegedly drunk driver and a scene of confusion and loss.

Again, it's hard to imagine the circumstances that led up to the tragedy; what was going through

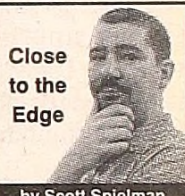
the minds of these people in the heat of the moment. Even after weeks of talking to the people involved, police aren't exactly sure what led up to the confrontation, how it spun out of control. They only suspect that alcohol was involved on everyone's part and that means that, in a perfect world, this never had to happen.

You hear about the perils of drinking and driving every day; it's on the television. It's on billboards. It's on the radio and it's in the newspapers.

Maybe it still goes on because we all think we are invulnerable, or at least luckier than those for whom the issue suddenly comes up with such tragic consequences. Maybe there's a bit of machismo involved: I don't have to worry, I can handle my liquor. Maybe there's just an overlying confidence that it can't happen to us.

I'm sure that's what members of the extended family of Pamela Herrington thought a few short weeks ago.

Sadly, I'll be in the same position this Tuesday, watching a Dearborn man fidget as he awaits the consequences of a similar decision – although one that did not result in the loss of life. That makes it no less difficult for those involved though, on both sides. It's something we should all think about before we get behind the wheel. The consequences are simply too terrible.



Close to the Edge

by Scott Spielman

## New community center gets my vote

When's the last time you heard someone say a handshake is just as good as his or her word?

For me it was last week at a Belleville City Council meeting.

Local designer Chesley Odom was at the meeting to present his vision of a community center for the Belleville area. Besides a handful of residents, a few public officials and the members of the city council, Pastor Bob White from the Grace Baptist Church was there to give his take on the project. That's when the promise came out of his mouth—Grace Baptist Church agreed to hold property for the city.

I'm told that about three years ago, the city and the church made an agreement (one that apparently did not end in writing, but with a handshake) that the property would not be sold to anyone else until the city decided whether or not they wanted it. At the time, city officials thought it would be a perfect for a community center.

Fast-forward three years, where the idea is relatively the same: a facility to incorporate senior, youth and recreation activities plus outdoor waterfront features and it would be located on the Grace Baptist Church property between High and Roys streets off the waterfront. It also has the same problem: how will the project be funded?

Although I admire Pastor White for his word to hold the property, things are never that simple. And by the sounds of hesitation from both public officials

and the community, neither is this project. It will take a lot of time and money to get this community center up and running, but isn't it worth it?

While several residents voiced their concerns and questions about the project, something one resident said really made sense: "There are a dozen reasons why this can't be done, but what we should be doing is thinking how this can be done."

And speaking from a younger generation, I couldn't agree more.

A new community center is something that will not only enhance the Belleville community visually, but also financially. It is something that younger people will be able to enjoy for many years to come, but most importantly, it is something that will be available to them that is not now.

While it's easy for me to say this project should be a definite, I am not a taxpayer in Belleville. I am, however, a person who can speak for the younger generation, who would love to live in a community where I could listen to outdoor concerts, exercise at an indoor gym, take riverboat rides on the lake and walk along the boardwalk.

In the end, it's taxpayers' money, it's the taxpayers' community and it's up to them to make this happen. I just hope the rest of the community feels the same way I do.



King's Court

by Andrea King

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Letters

Support is appreciated

To the editor:

Thank you for the wonderful article in last week's paper regarding The W.A.Y.N.E. Group.

We are looking forward to our first event, the BBQ on the top deck of the parking structure while we watch the fireworks on June 29th. The Michigan Autism Society is working with our group to direct us to families in the Wayne/Westland area who have a child with autism, and in need of financial assistance.

Our goal is to assist in getting the children the specialized training that is needed. Anybody who has been in contact with a family that has an autistic child understands the financial challenges that are associated with this training. We are asking that anybody who would like to attend the event, or contribute to this great cause, please contact us by email at [waynegroup@gmail.com](mailto:waynegroup@gmail.com). They can also call me direct at (734)728-6199, I will discuss the event, and even personally deliver tickets.

We are a licensed 501C3 non-profit organization, and 100 percent of our time is volunteered. Any support we get from the community is greatly appreciated, and we assure everybody, all the money raised stays on a local level.

Thank you again for the support,

Don Hartford,  
President  
The W.A.Y.N.E. Group

Columnist's opinions criticized

To the editor;

With regard to Jerry Stanecki's column in the May 19 Journal, "Casting the first stone," I agree with him and I disagree. I agree we should not judge Michael Schiavo. Judgment for unrepentant behavior is for God alone. I disagree with the rest of Mr. Stanecki's comments relative to efforts by G.W. and Jeb Bush, and

legislators to stop the execution of Terri Schiavo.

This was a truly tragic situation made all the more tragic by the position taken by Michael Schiavo that terminating the life of Terri was the only alternative for him.

"Beyond a reasonable doubt" is required to find a person guilty of a crime. Hearsay evidence is not permitted without confirmation by a second party. If these criteria had been followed, the outcome would probably have been very different and there may not have been the public spectacle we saw. But, unfortunately, that was not the case. Terri was executed without a trial. Her parents' offer to care for her was rejected without explanation other than Michael's claim that Terri would rather die than be so dependent on a feeding tube.

It appears Jerry Stanecki is condemning people for their compassion and giving praise to Michael Schiavo for his hard heartedness. How is that being any less judgmental than his claim people improperly judged Mr. Schiavo? His reference to the war in Iraq was completely irrelevant to the Terri Schiavo case.

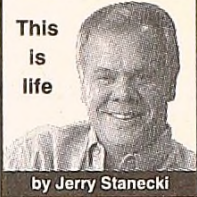
Robert Leiendecker,  
Northville

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Letters must be signed and a phone number included only for verification of the writer's identity. Addresses and phone numbers will be kept confidential.

Don't miss 'Upside of Anger'



It's not often that a movie comes along that literally takes you along. A movie where you feel the characters and before you realize it, have become that person.

That wonderful Hollywood magic of first-rate storytelling—missing from most films these days—is vibrant and alive in *The Upside of Anger*.

Finally, a film with characters you connect with, share pain and joy with and yes, even cry with.

It could be your story. It's easily a mirror of what almost all of us experience with anger, resentment, bitterness, self-pity and how we don't recognize, or ignore the terrible toxic effects of that kind of prolonged destructive thinking.

This is a story of humanism, and how anger let loose quickly

edly disappears she becomes a madwoman. Filled with anger, she sinks quickly into self-pity, then leaps to victim, attempting to drown hurt feelings of abandonment and betrayal with booze.

Denny Davies (Kevin Costner) a once baseball great, now has-been drunk seems content to let booze deaden his spirit. But, genuine spirit is hard to drown and what emerges when a drunk stops thinking about himself and his problems is a compassionate, albeit, somewhat tarnished knight who connects with Terry and her four daughters.

Then from nowhere, comes a never guess plot twist that puts us squarely in front of a mirror asking am I so easily a victim? Do I do that, do I anger so quickly only

to feel self-pity, resentment? Do I allow others in my life to take so easily?

Wait a minute. Take? Let's get honest here. Do I give, beg and even force upon others how miserable and unhappy I am?

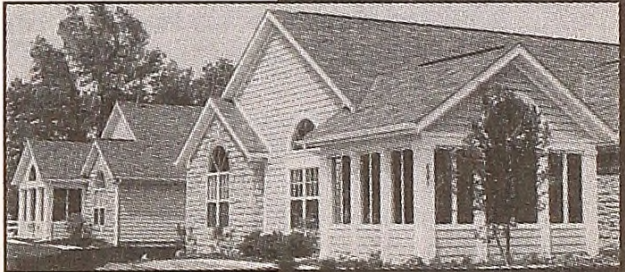
Thought provoking? You bet.

Written and directed by Mike Binder, *The Upside of Anger* sweeps you into the story and holds you tightly, even after the credits have rolled. And, if choose, it offers wisdom that can change your life.

I saw this film is a packed theater and as in the brief moment of silence as the film ended, there were numerous audible "Wow's."

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because they happen to be handed them in the first place.

The best part, though, is that it will help engage the public in the political process, again. It's our suspicion that more voters will turn out at elections if they feel the race has not already been decided, if they can have an impact and send the candidate they think is the best per-

son for the job into office.

The plan faces a long battle, and it may be an uphill one. It's likely that Anderson will face opposition from both sides of the aisle. That's OK, though, because in the end the change makes sense, and we voters are smart enough to see that. We're also smart enough to see who opposes the plan, and why.

It's our hope that this issue garners the support it needs to hit the ballot next year. It's a good step to bringing elections back to the people.

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# OBITUARIES

## BONK, Dorothy Jean

Dorothy Jean Bonk, 83, of Romulus, died April 26.

Among her survivors are her children, George Bonk, Lois (Don) Laurain, Robert (Kathy) Bonk and Karen Angove; a sister, Marcella Murphy; 11 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren, and four great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were at St. Paul Lutheran Church in New Boston.

Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park in Flat Rock.

Arrangements were entrusted to the Uht Funeral Home in Westland.

## BALLARD, Thelma

Thelma K. Ballard, 85, of Ypsilanti, formerly a 55-year resident of Romulus, died May 3.

Among her survivors are her son, Clarence R. Ballard of Romulus; daughters, Sharon (Roman) Gomez of Clawson, Joyce Lynch of Hillsboro, Ill., Janice (Bruce) Rooney of Rutland, Iowa and Betty Gabrys of Ypsilanti; half-sisters, Betty Yager of Jackson and Doris Martin of Lansing; 17 grandchildren, 32 great-grandchildren, and seven great-great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Ballard was a member of the senior citizens in Romulus and cooked for the Romulus Rotary Club.

Funeral services were at Community United Methodist Church where Mrs. Ballard was a member, with the Rev. William Kren officiating.

Interment was at Romulus Cemetery in Romulus.

Arrangements were entrusted to the Crane Funeral Home in Romulus.

## CHAPMAN, Georgiana

Georgiana Chapman, 66, of Taylor, died May 9.

Among her survivors are her sons, Alex Chapman, Jr. and William E. Chapman, both of Taylor; daughters, Debra Chapman of Howell, Yvonne (David) Vassallo of Taylor and Rebecca Chapman of Garden City; a sister, Arlene (Larry) Blair of Westland; a brother, Frank (Geri) Olechowski of Walled Lake; 15 grandchildren, and 15 great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Chapman was employed from 1969 through 1991 at General Motors Willow Run Assembly Plant. She was a member of the Taylor Historical Society, Ford Senior Center and a former Eastern Star member.

Funeral services were at the Crane Funeral Home with the Rev. Randy Wheeler of Wyandotte Christian Church, where Mrs. Chapman was a member, officiating.

Interment was at Romulus Cemetery in Romulus.

## KEEHL, Linda Lee

Linda Lee Keehl, 56, of Belleville, died May 3.

Among her survivors are her husband of nearly 37 years, Joseph R. Keehl; sons, Richard (Stephanie) Keehl of Canton Township, Scott (Ramona) Keehl of New Boston, Craig (Tabitha) Keehl of Belleville and Paul (Lindsay) Keehl, also of Belleville; her mother Janice E. (Craig) Porterfield of Belleville; a sister, Janice (Richard) Kus of Belleville; nine grandchildren, and two step-grandchildren.

Funeral services were at the David C. Brown Funeral Home with Pastor Robert J. White officiating.

## DAHLSTROM, George

George Dahlstrom, 79, of Romulus, died May 7.

Among his survivors are his sons, Jeffery (Phyllis) Dahlstrom of Wyandotte,

Gregory (Donna) Dahlstrom of East Tawas and Jonathan (Karen) Dahlstrom of Highland; a sister, Dorothy (Ken) Fry of Marieta, Ga.; eight grandchildren, and a great-grandchild.

Mr. Dahlstrom served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He retired from Kelsey-Hayes Co. after 35 years of employment.

Arrangements were entrusted to the Crane Funeral Home in Romulus.

## LAPORTE, Paul

Paul B. LaPorte, Sr., 60, of Atlanta, Mich., formerly of Belleville, died May 3.

Among his survivors are his wife of 19 years, JoAnne (Mrozek) LaPorte; children, Paul (Jody) LaPorte, Jr., of Harrison, Laura Plonte of Belleville, Tina (Burl) Hays of Monroe, Kevin Kokula of Dexter, Michael (Teresa) LaPorte of Willis, Gary Stewart of Trenton and John (Lynette) Stewart of Cheboygan, Mich; his father and mother-in-law, Dorothy and Paul Mrozek of Trenton; siblings, Patricia (Jarrell) Bevins of Taylor, Francis Corbin, Sharon (Jerry) Zander and Nancy Summers, all of Belleville, Jim (Karen) LaPorte of Westland, Sandy (Larry) Southern of Wayne and Pam (Robert) Ayers of Romulus; sisters-in-law Jane, Virginia and Sharon, and 14 grandchildren.

Mr. LaPorte was a member of the Belleville Eagles 3996, the Belleville Moose Lodge 934, Taylor Masonic Lodge 595 and the American Legion.

Mr. LaPorte retired from the Ford

Motor Co. Rawsonville Plant.

Funeral services were at the David C. Brown Funeral Home in Belleville.

Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park in Flat Rock.

## NEAL, Matthew

Matthew Martin Neal, 24, of Atlanta, Ga., formerly of Belleville, died May 11.

Among his survivors are his parents, Curtis Martin Neal of Detroit and Deborah Alice (Guthrie) Brossett, of Elk Grove Village, Ill.; siblings, Donovan Martin (Sandy) Neal of Ypsilanti, Andre Neal of Atlanta, Adam Riley of Elk Grove Village, Ill., Michelle (Chris) Strickland of Columbus, Ohio; step-brothers, Eric (Denise) Brossett of Arlington Heights, Ill. and Aaron (April) Brossett of Aurora, Ill.; a step-sister, Lynett (Michael) Macina of Elk Grove Village, Ill.; his maternal grandmother, Julie Guthrie of Windsor, Canada; his paternal grandmother, Josephine Neal of Detroit, and many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

Mr. Neal was a 1999 graduate of Belleville High School where he was on the track and basketball teams. He was attending the University of Georgia, pursuing his degree in business administration.

Funeral services were at the Messias Temple Church in Ypsilanti.

Interment was at Elmwood Cemetery in Detroit.

Arrangements were entrusted to the David C. Brown Funeral Home in Belleville.

### 1954 PA 188 Proceedings Notice of Street Lighting Special Assessment Hearing

Charter Township of Van Buren  
Wayne County, Michigan

TO: THE RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that as a result of petitions by the developer and property owners within the Township signed by the record owners of land whose footage constitutes more than 50 percent of the total footage of the hereinafter described as **Country Walk Condominiums Phases 1 & 2** Street Lighting Special Assessment District and the Township Board of the Charter Township of Van Buren proposes to purchase, construct and maintain street lights and to create a special assessment district for the recovery of the cost thereof by special assessment against the properties benefited therein

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the District within which the foregoing improvements are proposed to be constructed and within which the cost thereof is proposed to be assessed is more particularly described as follows: **Country Walk Condominiums Phases 1 & 2, 177 lots** inclusive.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Township has received a preliminary street lighting layout plan from Detroit Edison indicating **55** street lights to be constructed with an annual operating cost of \$15,203.17. This plan is on file at the Township Clerk's Office and is available for examination and will further be available at the public hearing.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a public hearing upon the proposed street lighting project design and cost will be held at the Charter Township of Van Buren Municipal Center at 46425 Tyler Road, Belleville, Michigan, commencing at 7:30 p.m on **June 7, 2005**.

At such hearing, the board will consider any written objections to any of the foregoing matters which might be filed with said board at or prior to the time of said hearing as well as any revisions, corrections, amendments, or changes to said Plans, Estimates and Costs or to said Special Assessment District.

All interested persons are invited to be present at the aforesaid time and place and to submit comments concerning any of the foregoing.

\*In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, accommodations can be made available with advance notice.

Joannie D. Payne, CMC  
Township Clerk  
46425 Tyler Road  
Belleville, MI 48111

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### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN SEEKING DEMOLITION BIDS

The Downtown Development Authority of the Charter Township of Van Buren, Wayne County, MI will receive bids for the demolition of buildings, structures and removal of debris on two parcels of land in the Township and located at 8001 Belleville Road and 7981 Belleville Road. Bid forms and demolition work specifications are available at the Township Clerk's office, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111, from 8:00 am – 5:00 pm, Monday-Friday. Bids will be received until 2:30 pm, June 2, 2005 and will be publicly opened at 3:30 pm, June 2, 2005. The Township reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

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### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES

The Charter Township of Van Buren is seeking proposals for engineering services to create a Storm Water Best Management Practices Tracking System funded through the Wayne County Rouge Program Office Round V Grant for General Permit Activities. This project is partially funded with a federal grant and Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) solicitation is required.

The scope and services shall include providing assistance relative to project administration and coordination, digitizing existing paper as-built drawings, Best Management Practices (BMP) location identification, updates to existing storm GIS layers, maintenance schedule determination for different BMPs, database design for storm water BMPs, and guideline establishment for reporting requirements for BMPs.

Specifications may be obtained from the Clerk's Office during normal business hours starting May 26, 2005. Qualified firms should submit their proposals to the Township Clerk at the Van Buren Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111 prior to 5:00 p.m., EST, Thursday, June 16, 2005. The Charter Township of Van Buren is an Equal Opportunity Employer. For more information you may call (734) 699-8913.

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June 2, 2005



# WaCo Wolves win Cinco de Mayo tournament

Jeff Novak  
Staff Writer

The WaCo Wolves not only won the Cinco de Mayo tournament in Southgate at the beginning of the month, they dominated it.

The Wolves, an age 10 and under baseball team comprised of players from across Wayne County, outscored their opponents 54-4 in the tourney to capture the championship.

The Wolves met the Saline Stallions for the second time in the tournament for the championship.

Dimitrius "Big D" Bryant started from the hill and went the distance for the 7-0 victory. He notched 10 strikeouts and picked off one of only two runners to make it to second base. Bryant only faced two batters over the minimum in the six-inning event, according to Wolves Coach Art Cameron.

The Wolves bats were silent at first only pushing in single runs in the first, and second frames for a 2-0 lead after four innings. The fifth session changed things as the Wolves scored five more tallies to put the game out of reach.

Daniel Cameron (Livonia) led off with a walk but Jacob McCulloch (Livonia) came in to pinch run for him and promptly stole second, according to Cameron. Tyler Glenfield (Garden City) laid down a sacrifice bunt, bringing McCulloch to third with one out. Then Brad Connochie (Woodhaven) put on a suicide squeeze play, but the pitcher threw the ball to right field, allowing Connochie to get all the way to third and scoring

McCulloch for a 3-0 lead.

Kyle Gaines (Oxford) dropped the team's third consecutive bunt and was safe on first while Jake Keeley (Allen Park) made it to base after getting hit by a pitch. Jamarl Eiland (Romulus) followed with a double and one out later Cody Cowart (Dearborn) brought in the final run with a single for a 7-0 win, Cameron said.

Gaines had three singles on the day with three runs scored and an RBI. Eiland had two singles and a double with a run scored and three RBI.

The championship game proved to be an easier task than when the two teams met the first time—in the second game of the tournament.

The Wolves fell behind 3-1 after three innings but with two outs in the fourth they managed to knock in three more to knot the game, 4-4. They then scored one run in each of the final two innings to wrap the game up, 6-4.

Glenfield led the attack with two runs scored. Joey Roman (Canton) had two singles, a run scored and an RBI while Cowart added a triple.

Cowart started from the mound and went three innings with two walks and four strikeouts before Jared Terrill (Huntington Woods) came in for relief. He struck out the first batter and then struggled with three walks. Bryant closed out the game.

The victory earned them a spot in the championship game but they still had to play the Sylavania Mavericks' blue team out of Ohio. The Wolves didn't take the game



The WaCo Wolves won the Cinco de Mayo under-10 baseball tournament in Southgate earlier this month. Members of the team are: Dimitrius Bryant (Detroit), Daniel Cameron (Livonia), Brad Connochie (Woodhaven), Cody Cowart (Dearborn), Jamarl Eiland (Romulus), Kyle Gaines (Oxford), Tyler Glenfield (Garden City), Brady Hardin (Livonia), Jake Keeley (Allen Park), Jacob McCulloch (Livonia) Jake Pacholski (Dearborn), Joey Roman (Canton) and Jared Terrill (Huntington Woods). Bill Hardin, Dave Cowart, Art Cameron and Kevin Gaines coach the Wolves.

lightly and shut them out, 8-0, in four innings.

Brady Hardin (Livonia) went the distance from the mound. He pitched a one-hitter with six strikeouts and only allowed one walk. Connochie threw runners out at second and third.

The Wolves also faced the Sylavania Mavericks white team in the first game of the tournament and put them away in a 32-0, three-inning mercy. Keeley had a triple and single in the first inning and added a home run and another single in the second. He also scored five runs.

By winning the tournament, the Wolves also qualified for the 10-under Super Series National Championship in July at Broken Arrow, Oklahoma.

# Haynes signs with Henry Ford

Jeff Novak  
Staff Writer

Romulus Eagles senior shortstop Keith Haynes signed a national letter of intent last month to play baseball at Henry Ford Community College in Dearborn.

The signing caps an excellent two-year career for Haynes at Romulus High School.

Haynes transferred to the high school from the Romulus Summit Academy in 2003 and quickly showed that he had the makings of a standout ball player. Last season Haynes had a .349 batting average with 22 hits, 24 runs scored and 13 stolen bases, according to Romulus Coach Damian Hull.

He was also named the Eagles' defensive player of the year and received All-Conference Honorable Mention.

Hull said that Haynes showed a work ethic second to none in the off season, while he worked out in the weight room and fine tuned his baseball skills. The training regiment has shown tremendous results, which helped catch the eyes of college recruiters, Hull said.

Entering the month of May, Haynes was batting an impressive .553 average with 26 hits including 13 doubles, two triples and two homeruns. He has also scored more than 30 runs and has more than 30 RBI so far this season.

Hull said, as impressive as Hayne's stats are, his biggest contribution to the baseball team has been his leadership skills. Haynes in one of the team's four captains this year hoping to lead the Eagles on a quest for their third straight Mega Gold Conference Championship.

## CITY OF ROMULUS ROMULUS DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY NOTICE OF LETTING CITY OWNED HOUSE FOR SALE CITY OWNED HOUSE

The Romulus DDA is accepting sealed bids for the sale and removal from the existing site of **ONLY** the House, at 11070 Shook. This would also include the restoration of the vacant site. The house must be moved by August 31, 2005 or the house will be demolished.

Sealed Bids will be received in the office of the City Clerk, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174-1485 until 2:00 p.m. Prevailing Eastern Time on Thursday JUNE 2, 2005. Bids will be opened at 2:15 p.m. on Thursday, JUNE 2, 2005 in the City of Romulus Council Chambers

PARCEL NUMBER	STREET ADDRESS
1. 078-01-0297-000	11070 Shook Road

BID PACKETS may be picked up at the City of Romulus Economic Development Office, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174.

Publish: May 26, 2005

## 1954 PA 188 Proceedings Notice of Public Hearing on the Special Assessment Roll for Rolan Meadows Subdivision Street Lighting Assessment District

Charter Township of Van Buren  
Wayne County, Michigan

TO: THE RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, OWNERS OF LAND WITHIN THE ROLAN MEADOWS SUBDIVISION AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Supervisor and Treasurer of the Township has reported to the Township Board and filed in the office of the Township Clerk for public examination a special assessment roll prepared by the Township covering all properties within the Special Assessment District for the **Rolan Meadows Subdivision** Street Lighting Assessment District benefited by the street lighting project. Said assessment roll has been prepared for the purpose of assessing a portion of the costs of the construction of the street lighting and work incidental thereto with the aforesaid **Rolan Meadows Subdivision** Street Lighting Assessment District as more particularly shown on the plans by the DTE Energy Company on file with the Township Clerk at 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, which assessment is in the total of \$62.11/ year.

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Treasurer has further reported that the assessment against each and every parcel of land within said District, will be equal and the same for each and every lot in the Special Assessment District for the Rolan Meadows Subdivision Street Lighting District.**

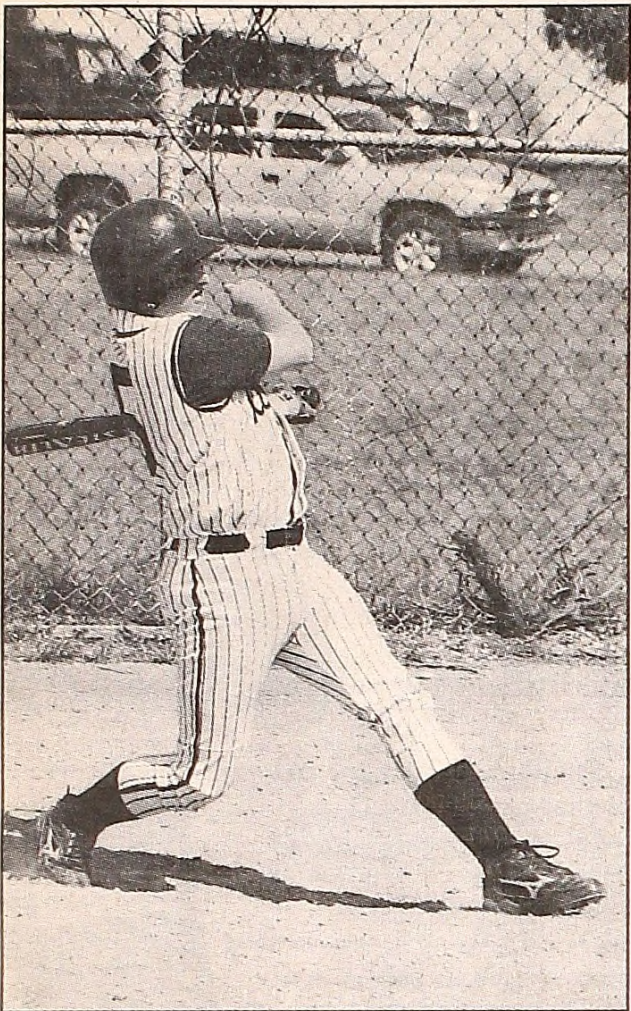
PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Township Board will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Van Buren Township Board Room, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI on **June 7, 2005** for the purpose of reviewing said special assessment roll and hearing any objections thereto. Said roll may be examined at the office of the Township Clerk during regular business hours of regular business days until the time of said hearing and may further be examined at said hearing. Appearance and protest at the hearing held to confirm the special assessment roll is required in order to appeal the amount of the special assessment to the Michigan Tax Tribunal.

An owner of party in interest, or his or her agent, may appear in person at the hearing to protest the special assessment, or shall be permitted to file his or her appearance or protest by letter and his or her personal appearance shall not be required. (The owner or any person having an interest in the real property who protests in person or in writing at the hearing may file a written appeal of the special assessment with the Michigan Tax Tribunal within 30 days after the confirmation of the special assessment roll.)

\*In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, accommodations can be made available with advance notice.

Joannie D. Payne, CMC  
Township Clerk  
46425 Tyler Road  
Belleville, MI 48111

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May 26, 2005



# Gold rush

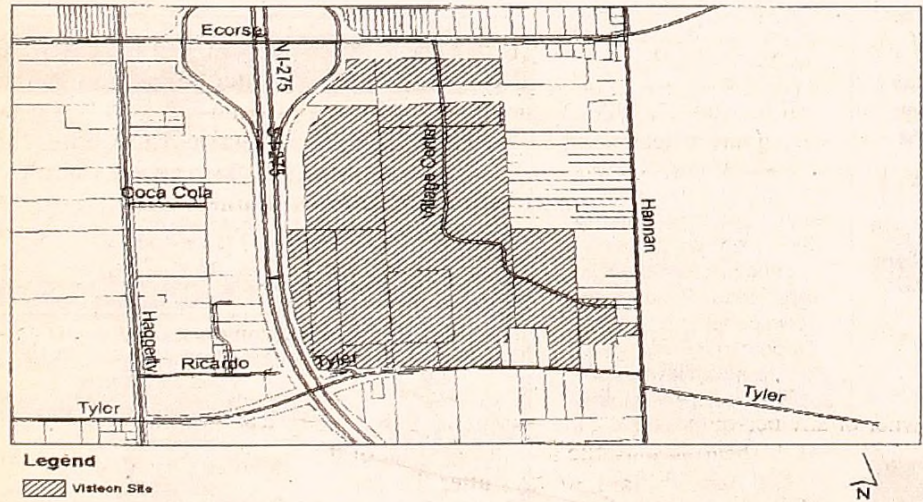
The Romulus Eagles baseball team is making a rush at the Mega Gold Conference championship title for the third year in a row. They recently racked up 15 runs to shut out Inkster last Wednesday in four innings while only allowing the Vikings three hits. They had another mega match-up against River Rouge last night to decide the championship but the results were unavailable at press time. Romulus will head to districts the week after Memorial Day.

## CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BOARD OF TRUSTEES PUBLIC HEARING

The Charter Township of Van Buren Board of Trustees will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, June 7, 2005 at 7:30 p.m., in the Board of Trustees Room, 46425 Tyler Road, Charter Township of Van Buren, Wayne County, Michigan

The Public Hearing relates to the following described property:  
\*12K1A3 - - 12LL3B, 3C1\* PT OF SEC 12 T3S R8E DESC AS BEG S 02D 04M 25S E 915.18 FT FROM N 1/4 COR SEC 12 - - TH S 89D 58M 55S E 244.54 FT - TH N 88D 35M 54S E 1115.73 FT - TH S 01D 51M 16S E 1791.79 FT - TH S 89D 32M 06S E 686.58 FT - TH S 01D 35M 43S E 994.54 FT - TH S 89D 43M 01S E 425.27 FT - TH S 01D 17M 11S E 350.00 FT - TH S 89D 43M 11S E 250.00 FT - TH S 01D 17M 11S E 175.00 FT - TH N 89D 43M 11S W 250.00 FT - TH S 01D 17M 11S E 125.23 FT - TH N 89D 41M 06S W 421.77 FT - TH N 01D 35M 43S W 245.95 FT - TH N 89D 44M 06S W 680.26 FT - TH N 89D 42M 18S W 77.00 FT - TH S 00D 58M 08S E 203.27 FT - TH N 89D 33M 07S W 98.01 FT - TH S 00D 38M 16S E 361.37 FT - TH S 88D 41M 38S W 736.02 FT - TH N 01D 18M 22S W 55.00 FT - TH S 88D 41M 38S W 699.57 FT - TH N 89D 44M 33S W 110.02 FT - TH N 41D 27M 22S W 46.10 FT - TH S 89D 08M 43S W 85.00 FT - TH S 54D 49M 19S W 53.20 FT - TH S 89D 07M 31S W 283.21 FT - TH ALONG A CURVE TO THE RT RAD 3716.72 FT CHORD N 13D 30M 09S W 1255.48 FT - TH N 00D 29M 44S W 748.25 FT - TH S 89D 32M 03S E 198.90 FT - TH N 00D 35M 01S W 1112.15 FT - TH N 11D 53M 30S E 341.65 FT - TH N 33D 30M 40S E 344.59 FT - TH N 44D 19M 15S E 18.29 FT - TH S 89D 37M 52S E 532.50 FT - TH N 02D 04M 25S W 2.29 FT TO PO.B 221.31 AC - - K - 220.47

This is a portion of parcel with the tax ID number V125-83-045-99-0020-703. This property is located on the south side of Ecorse Road, between I-275 and Hannan Road. A map indicating the location of the subject site is included below:



The applicant is requesting special use approval to operate a fitness center. A special use approval is required for the operation of a fitness center per Section 14.03 4(a) of the Zoning Ordinance. Written comments will be accepted at the Department of Developmental Services until 5:00p.m., June 7, 2005, the hearing date.

In the spirit of compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals with a disability should feel free to contact the Department of Developmental Services at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance of the meeting, if requesting accommodations.

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## CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN ORDINANCE 04-19-05(2) PROPOSED REZONING MAP

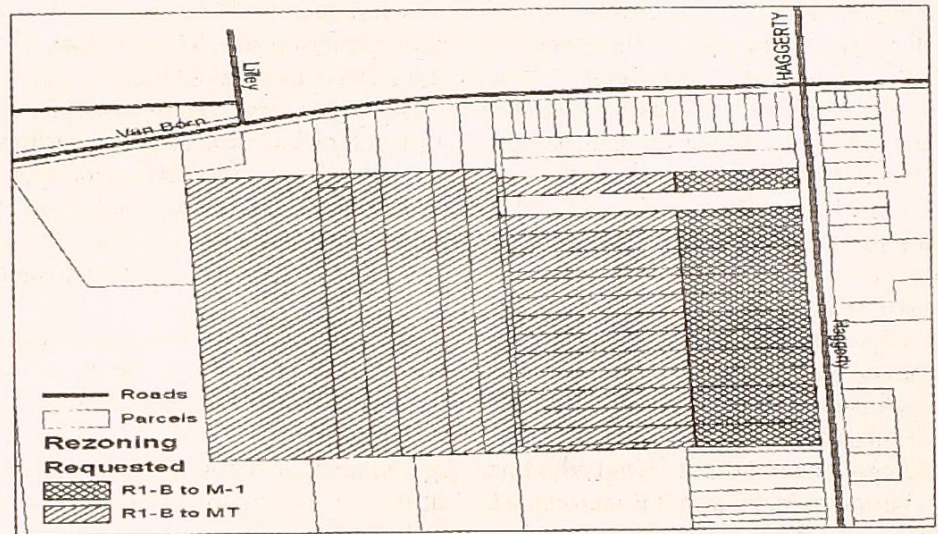
Second reading of ordinance for adoption.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ZONING ORDINANCE 6-6-92, AS AMENDED, OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BY AMENDING THE ZONING MAP IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN ORDAINS:

**Section 1.** The Zoning Map in connection with the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Van Buren shall be amended so that the zoning of the following described property to wit:

Ordinance Number 04-19-05(2)  
A request to amend the Zoning Ordinance 6/2/92, to amend the zoning map by rezoning parcel numbers:



A portion of the property listed above is being requested to be re-zoned M-T (Industrial Transportation) from R-1B (Single Family Residential).

A southerly portion of:  
V125-83-005-99-0004-000 V125-83-005-99-0005-000 V125-83-005-99-0010-000  
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V125-83-005-01-0034-301

A portion of all property listed above on the west side of Haggerty Road to be re-zoned M-1 (Light Industrial) from R-1B (Single Family Residential):

An easterly portion of:  
V125-83-005-01-0021-300 V125-83-005-01-0023-300 V125-83-005-01-0024-300  
V125-83-005-01-0025-300 V125-83-005-01-0026-300 V125-83-005-01-0027-300  
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V125-83-005-01-0031-300 V125-83-005-01-0032-300 V125-83-005-01-0033-300  
V125-83-005-01-0034-301

A portion of all property listed above on the west side of Haggerty Road to be re-zoned M-1 (Light Industrial) from R-1B (Single Family Residential) and the remaining portions of above listed properties to be rezoned M-T (Industrial Transportation) from R-1B (Single Family Residential).

Legal Description of Property:  
This property is located on Van Born Road, between Haggerty and Morton Taylor Roads.

**Section 2.** All Ordinances and parts of Ordinance in conflict herewith are repealed to the extent of such conflict.  
**Section 3.** This Ordinance shall take effect upon its adoption and publication.  
**Section 4.** This Ordinance is hereby declared to have been adopted by the Township Board of the Charter Township of Van Buren, Country of Wayne, State of Michigan, at a Regular Meeting held on the 17th day of May, 2005.

Yeas: Budd, Herman, Jahr, Rochowiak, Payne, Hart and King.  
Nays: None.  
Absent: None.

This Ordinance shall be immediately recorded by the Township Clerk in the Township Ordinance Book as soon as it is adopted, which record shall be authenticated by the signatures of the Supervisor and Clerk and shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the Township within ten (10) days after its passage.

I hereby certify that Ordinance 04-19-05(2) was published in the Belleville Enterprise, a newspaper circulating within the Charter Township of Van Buren.

Joannie D. Payne, CMC  
Township Clerk

Cindy C. King  
Township Supervisor

Publish: April 21, 2005  
May 26, 2005

# Mustang hitters back on track

Jeff Novak  
Staff Writer

After a slight slide with close losses, Northville hitters got back on track last week with a couple of wins against Walled Lake Western and Plymouth.

Last Wednesday, the Mustangs put together a big 7-2 win against cross-division foe Walled Lake Central.

The team's bats were alive as they knocked down 16 hits in the victory.

Senior All-American catcher Matt Williams, who was back in the lineup last week after suffering an injury, led the assault with three hits, including a triple and an RBI. Senior Steve Besk also had three hits and an RBI on the night.

Pitching remains strong for the 'Stangs.

Against Central, Sophomore Bret Spencer pitched five and two-thirds innings for the win. He only gave up one run and struck out seven. Once he reached the 100-pitch mark Northville Coach John Kostrzewa switched him out with senior Andre Smith.

Northville trampled the Plymouth Wildcats, 10-0, in a five-inning outing on Friday.

Besk, sophomore Bryce Jenney and Smith combined for a one-hitter from the mound. Sophomore Dominic Benavides was 2-for-2 from the plate and Williams added two hits in the win.

Northville scored five runs in both the second and third innings to put the game out

of reach.

"I think we're getting back on track offensively," Kostrzewa said. "Things are starting to be like second nature this time of the year. Things we had problems with like bunting, base running and reading balls in the dirt we're doing better—all the little things that win close games. The further you go into the state tournament, the pitching gets better; those are the things that you have to do to win."

## Northville 4, Wayne 5

Northville wasn't as successful against the Wayne Memorial Zebras last Wednesday.

In another close, extra-inning game the Mustangs lost, 5-4.

Seven of their 10 losses have been in extra innings or due to late rallies by the opposition in the final inning.

This game was no different. Northville led 4-2 at the top of the seventh, but Wayne strung together a single and a triple to score the tying runs and then finished it off in the ninth.

Northville managed 12 hits but couldn't close the deal.

Williams led the offense with four hits, including a triple and a double. Tyler Laing was 3-for-4 and Charlie Thomas went 3-for-5.

Despite the rocky second half of the season, Kostrzewa is looking forward to districts.

"We're bound to get some breaks," he said. "We know we're a good team and our confidence hasn't been shaken."

## On the web

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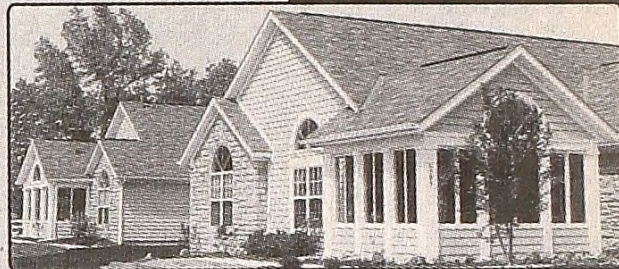


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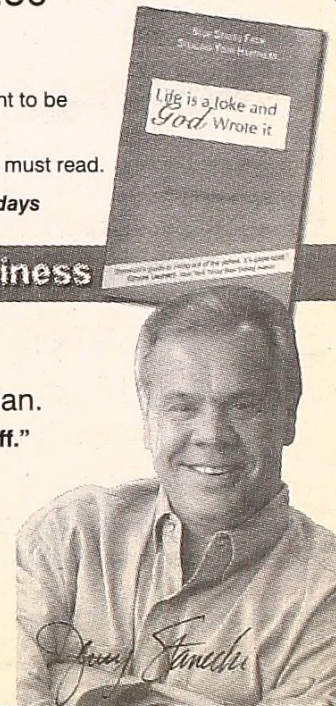
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## 1. Obituaries

BRUGH, Dorothy L.  
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## 10. Coming Events

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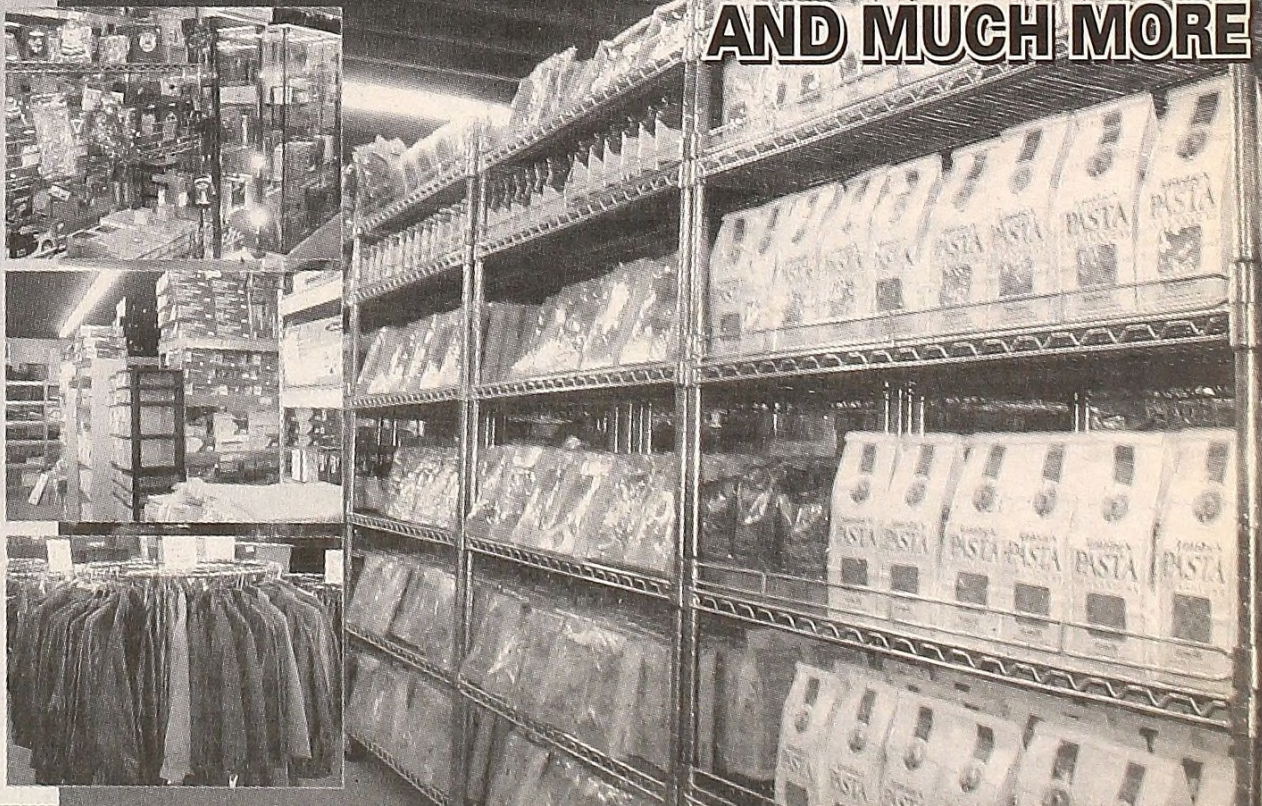
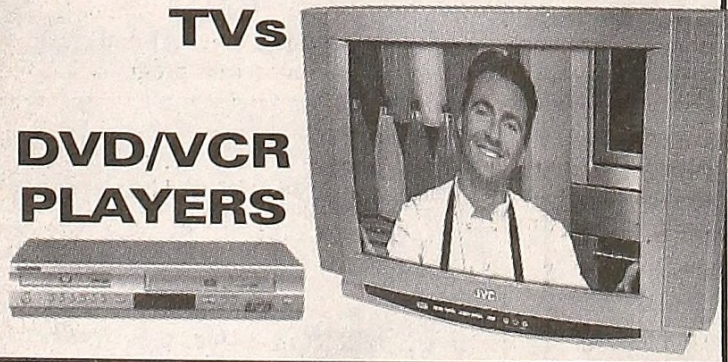
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From June 4 through July 16, classes will take place from noon to 1:30 p.m. on the basic skills of soccer, basketball and t-ball in a six-week program. All the necessary adaptations will be addressed.

The programs have been designed with children in mind, although all ages and all disabilities are welcome. The benefits of the program include: increased social interaction, self confidence, independence, stimulation and coordination, increased functioning of the mind and body, motivation to take new risks and further development of community integration skills, according to organizers.

The cost is \$30 for Wayne County residents and \$39 for non-residents. Pre-registration is required for each participant. It will take place at the Van Buren Recreation Center, located at 46425 Tyler Road in Belleville.

The organization serves the communities of Belleville, Van Buren Township, Sumpter Township, Canton Township, Inkster, Plymouth and Plymouth Township, Northville and Northville Township, Romulus, Wayne, Westland, Huron Township, Dearborn and Dearborn Heights, Garden City, Livonia and Redford. It was funded from a grant from Wayne County designed to promote therapeutic recreation services within the communities. The grant is administered through Canton Leisure Services and includes a planning committee of representatives from the various communities.

The WWCTR program seeks to coordinate the various programs of the 18 communities, foster collaborations and share resources.

Therapeutic recreation is a growing area within Wayne County. Its programs are designed to specifically meet the needs of individuals with disabilities.

For more information about other therapeutic recreation programs and events, contact Jessica Hohenberger at 734-394-5483 or email her at [jessicahohenberger@hotmail.com](mailto:jessicahohenberger@hotmail.com).

# County may place millage for parks question on November ballot

Scott Spielman  
Editor

Officials in western Wayne County are already leery about a proposal to put a Wayne County Parks millage on the ballot in November.

Most townships wouldn't otherwise have to have an election, for one thing and some officials have expressed skepticism that they're receiving a good return on the investment from taxpayers.

"I know it's a touchy issue," said Laura Cox, who represents the 10th District on the Wayne County Commission. The 10th District comprises Plymouth and Northville and is widely known as a donor district because taxpayers tend to send more taxes to the county than they receive in services.

That was one of the concerns Northville Township Clerk Sue Hillebrand had with the proposal which would renew a levy of .25 mills for parks projects, county wide. She also asked about the cost of the election, and who would ultimately pay for it.

"The county will reimburse communities that would not have to have an election," Cox told her and other members of the Northville Township Board of Trustees last week.

The millage generates about \$2.2 million for park improvements from western Wayne County, Cox estimated. Of that, Northville Township taxpayers make up about \$400,000. Since the millage was approved in 2000, Wayne County park improvements have included \$30,000 of work on bridges along Hines Drive, ongoing restoration of old restrooms within the park, funds to repair bike paths and a plan to bring about \$230,000 into the Bennett Arboretum along Hines Drive.

## CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES MAY 17, 2005

Supervisor King called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room. Present: Supervisor King, Clerk Payne, Treasurer Budd, Trustee Hart, Trustee Herman, Trustee Jahr and Trustee Rochowiak. Absent and excused: None. Others in attendance: Planning and Economic Development Director Kelley, Environmental Director Swallow, Recreation and Facilities Director Ross, Public Safety Director Champagne, Water and Sewer Director Duha, Special Events Coordinator Mutch, Deputy Public Safety Director Smolen, Executive Assistant Ireland, Secretary Cline and an audience of twenty-eight (28).

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Payne moved, Hart seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Carried.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** None.

**MINUTES:** Rochowiak moved, Budd seconded to approve the Work Study Session Minutes of April 18, 2005 as presented. Carried.

Budd moved, Hart seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of April 19, 2005 as presented. Carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Supervisor King, Director Champagne, Trustee Hart, Trustee Jahr and Deputy Director Smolen congratulated Eric Stoddard and Charles DeWitt for the completing and passing their Probationary Fire Fighter period to become On-Call Fire Fighters and presented them with their badges.

Supervisor King read a press release from the Office of Racing Commissioner stating a horse racetrack license has been awarded to Magna Entertainment Corporation which owns a 212-acre site on the northeast corner of Vining and Wick Roads in Romulus.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Herman moved, Rochowiak seconded to approve the second reading for adoption of Ordinance 04-19-05 (2) to amend the Township Zoning Ordinance, 06-02-92, as amended, to rezone an approximately 135.54 acres generally bounded by Ecorse Road to the south, Haggerty Road to the east, and Van Born Road to the north, from R-1B (Medium Density Residential) to M-T Industrial Transportation) and M-1 (Light Industrial), known as and listed in Exhibit A and Exhibit B. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Budd, Herman, Jahr, Rochowiak, Payne, Hart and King. Nays: None. Absent: None. Carried.

\*(A copy of Ordinance 04-19-05 (2) follows the minutes. A copy may also be obtained in the Clerk's Office, Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road during normal business hours.)

**NEW BUSINESS:** Payne moved, Budd seconded to approve the Inter-Agency Grant Agreement between the County of Wayne and the Charter Township of Van Buren for the Storm Water Best Management Practices (BMP) Tracking System project and to authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to execute the Agreement. Carried.

Budd moved, Rochowiak seconded to approve the Alliance of Rouge Communities 2005 Assessment in the amount of \$6,347. Carried.

Payne moved, Jahr seconded to approve the Parks and Recreation 2005 summer concert series contracts and to authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to execute the contracts. Carried.

Herman moved, Jahr seconded to approve the Telecommunication Permit application UT5449113 to permit the installation and construction of underground telecommunication infrastructure as regulated by Chapter 80, Telecommunications, Section 80-1 through 80-34 inclusive, of the General Ordinances of the Charter Township of Van Buren. Carried.

Payne moved, Rochowiak seconded to approve the Special Land Use request by Group Ten Management to construct a Planned Residential Development on a parcel of land known as Pine Creek Golf Course, 50521 West Huron River Drive, parcel number V125-83-118-99-0007-712, per the facts and findings of the Planning Commission, the letter from the Township Planning Consultants dated April 13, 2005, the letter from the Township's Engineering Consultants dated December 10, 2004 and with the following conditions: Township Board approval of the requested natural features setback modifications shown on the plans; Board approval of the 9.1 percent density increase; the establishment of a permanent irrevocable conveyance to permanently preserving the open space described on the plans; Planning Commission approval of the proposed road improvements on West Huron River Drive and Bog Road (specifically noting the addition of advance warning signs, either "Side Road" or "Limited Sight Distance" along W. Huron River Drive along with a center turning lane on W. Huron River Drive; and that the Bog Road access be barricaded until such time as improvements are made to Bog and Rawsonville Roads and further action by the Board of Trustees). Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Payne, Jahr, Budd, Rochowiak and King. Nays: Herman and Hart. Absent: None. Carried.

Rochowiak moved, Hart seconded to adopt Resolution 2005-21 approving the Water and Sewer Commission By-laws. Carried.

Budd moved, Rochowiak seconded to approve the proposed specifications and authorization to bid for a drive-by radio meter reading system. Carried.

**VOUCHER LIST:** Budd moved, Payne seconded to approve the May 17, 2005 voucher list as presented. Carried.

**REPORTS:** None.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** On Monday, May 30th the Administrative Offices at Township Hall will be closed in observance of Memorial Day.

Clerk Payne stated the Township will take delivery of the new voting equipment this month.

On Monday, May 30th a Memorial Day service will be held at 1:30 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial located on High Street in the City of Belleville.

Special Events Coordinator Mutch made the following announcements: The Van Buren Township and Canton Township Recreation Departments are sponsoring an Introduction to Sports Skills which is designed for children with disabilities to increase social interaction. The Youth Authority is hosting a Party on Saturday, May 21st from 6:00 p.m. until 12:00 a.m. for teens 13 to 18 years of age. Also, there are a few spaces available in the summer camp programs. To register for programs and for more information please call 734.699.8921.

**AUDIENCE (Non-Agenda Items):** Director Champagne stated the Public Safety issues that were discussed earlier regarding Bog Road would be addressed by the Public Safety Department and further stated he spoke to the Bog Road residents.

**CLOSED SESSION:** None.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Hart moved, Payne seconded to adjourn at 10:23 p.m. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Joannie D. Payne, CMC  
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Cindy C. King  
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